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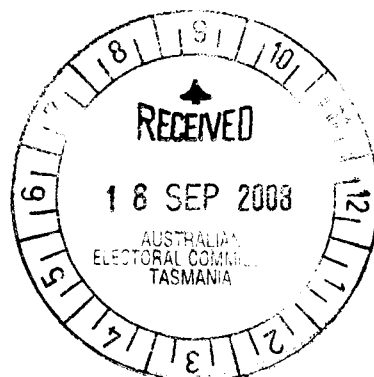
Please find attached the Lyons Greens submission on the report of the redistribution committee. Contact details for the Lyons Greens are at the end of the document.

Best wishes,

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**LYONS GREENS SUBMISSION ON THE REPORT OF THE
REDISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE FOR THE 2008 PROPOSED
REDISTRIBUTION OF TASMANIA UNDER THE *COMMONWEALTH
ELECTORAL ACT 1918, SECTION 68.***

The Lyons Greens have examined the Report released on 22nd August, 2008.

We agree with the proposed redistribution of the North and Western boundaries from Lyons to Braddon and Bass and also welcome the inclusion of Latrobe LGA into our electorate.

However, the Lyons Greens are concerned by the proposal to include all of Bridgewater township in the electorate. Lyons is, essentially, a rural electorate, and Bridgewater is part of the greater urban area of Hobart. We acknowledge that part of Bridgewater is in the Lyons electorate but see that there is nothing to be gained from its total inclusion. It would conflict with the criteria in Sections 22 and 23 relating to “community of interests within [a division] including economic, social and regional interests” (1). In this case, Bridgewater does not reflect the overall nature of the electorate and its needs and interests. The inclusion of Bridgewater means that Lyons is encroaching on the metropolitan area of Hobart for the first time.

It is noted in Section 89, **Proposed redistribution of Franklin**, that “in its submission, the Liberal Party proposed moving part of the town of Bridgewater out of Franklin and into Denison. However, instead of moving the affected electors into Denison, they have been moved into Lyons. The boundary line of the Jordan River provides a well defined natural boundary between the two divisions and Lyons already encompasses a part of the Bridgewater township and a large part of the Brighton LGA to the north.”(2) Lyons Greens believe that Bridgewater’s “economic, social and regional interests” are of greater relevance to the electorate of Franklin, rather than to Lyons.

Section 26 advises that “Projected enrolment growth within and across Local Government Areas (LGAs) varies markedly, with a projected decline of 2.86% in the West Coast and projected growth in Brighton of 10.22%, followed closely by Sorell at 10.19%.” (3)

Sorell is one of the fastest growing regions in the south of Tasmania but remains essentially a large rural town. It feeds out to the East Coast and to the Tasman Peninsula and for that reason Lyons Greens propose the inclusion of the Cambridge/ Seven Mile Beach/ Acton area as it maintains the rural character better and keeps Lyons on the eastern side of the Meehan Range. Section 26 also takes into account “locality boundaries, main roads, waterways and other readily distinguishable physical features” and the “identification of community of interest concerns, such as means of communication, commerce, social and transport links within a proposed division”. The proposed Cambridge/ Seven Mile Beach/ Acton area falls towards Sorell and is indeed linked by the Pittwater and Frederick Henry Bay areas on which are situated the Lyons townships of Midway Point, Sorell, Lewisham, Dodges Ferry, Carlton and Primrose Sands – the Southern Beaches area of the state.

For these reasons, we propose the following amendments to the electoral Redistribution for Lyons electorate:

a) That Bridgewater township remain in the Franklin electorate;
and

b) That the area of Cambridge, Seven Mile Beach, and Acton be moved into the Lyons electorate.

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References

1. p. 5 **Report Of The Redistribution Committee For The 2008 Proposed Redistribution Of Tasmania Under The *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918*, *Section 68*.** “Community of interests, means of communication and travel, physical features and existing boundaries”
2. p.16
3. p.6